

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to William Mosby VAS767

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Henrico County Legislative petitions

To the Honourable the General Assembly

The Petition of Major William Mosby Humbly sheweth that in General Gates's defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] his Horse and Saddle fell into the hands of the Enemy & that as the said Horse & Saddle was not lost through the carelessness or default of your Petitioner he Humbly Prays and hopes the Honourable House will make him Compensation for the same and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall pray &c

[Reverse]

Mosby's Petition

November 20th, 1781

Referred to Trade

November the 23rd 1781

rejected

We the Subscribers being 1st sworn to appraise a Horse & Saddle the property of major William Mosby of Henrico which said Horse the said Mosby road out on the Southern Expedition under the Command of Major General Gates, which said Horse & Saddle was lost at the Battle near Camden, we do appraise the said Horse & Saddle to fifty-five pounds in specie. Certified under our hands this 19th day of November 1781

S/ William Owin

S/ Lyddall Britton

Henrico Sct.

Nathaniel G. Morris being of full age being Sworn saith that he acted as a Major in General Steven's Brigade of Virginia Militia and General Gates' defeat; on the 16th of August last past; & knows well that Major William Mosby lost a valuable Black horse with a Star in his forehead together with a Saddle; without any default or carelessness of his. And further this Deponent saith not.

Sworn to this 18th May 1781 before

S/ Nat. Wilkinson

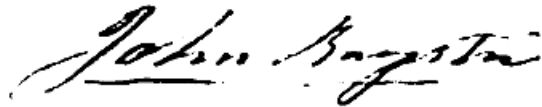
S/ Nath G. Morris¹



[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I hereby certify that William Mosby late of the County of Henrico went into the Continental Army as first Lieutenant in January 1776 at which time I enlisted, that in January 1778 I claimed my discharge, at which time William Mosby then Captain came to Virginia recruiting, and I believe returned to the Army.

S/ John Royster



I hereby certify that William Mosby was a Captain in the Revolutionary War and was with me at the Battle of Monmouth in June 1778 [June 28, 1778]. After that period the 1st Virginia Regiment in which I was a Lieutenant was consolidated with the 5th and 9th Regiment consequently there was a number of supernumerary officers – whether Captain Mosby was in command afterwards, I know not, more, then he returned to Virginia and was appointed a Major in the Militia, and joined the Southern Army.

Given under my hand this 6th day of November 1810

S/ William Price

Henrico County



Capt. W. Mosby allowed for 3 years as Captain

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I Jesse Cornel of Henrico County and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was about eighty-eight years of age [several indecipherable words] and support myself by my labor on my small farm. That I was born and raised in this County about a mile from the residence of the late Major William Mosby (what was his Father's before he owned it). That I knew him well from my earliest infancy till his death. That I know that he William Mosby enlisted in the regular Army of the United States at the very beginning of the revolutionary war as an officer, that he went to the North with the troops & after about three years returned as a Captain on furlough, that after staying here a short time he went to the South as a Major in the Southern Army, when going there I well remember he bought of my father a horse to go there on, which horse he lost in the service, as I understood in some action in which the Americans were defeated & after the close of the war he Major Mosby [indcipherable word or words] the Horse in Petersburg by getting

¹ [Nathaniel G. Morris S36178](#)

my father to go there and prove his property: He the Major remained on [the image of this page is cut off at the bottom of it at this point]

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where I was & although not under him there, knowing as well as I did, I know he was there in command as a Major. I always understood and firmly believe he was in service & hard and active service [indecipherable word] the whole & never resigned after the war. We lived near each other until his death. He married, had one only child a neighbor, which child Captain Wm B. Chamberlayne married who is now alive and lives near me.

Given under my hand this 12th December 1832

S/ John Cornel, X his mark

I Obadiah Griffin² of the County of Henrico Virginia certify that I was born and raised and had lived within three miles of the late Major William Mosby, knew him well from my earliest youth to his death, In the beginning of the Revolutionary War he William Mosby entered into the regular Army of the United States as an Officer as I always understood, went to the North and served there a long time but how long precisely I cannot now say. He returned home I well remember a Captain some short time before the troops were sent from Virginia to the South under General Gates. He was then sent to the South as a Major, and I was ordered at the same time as a Soldier under him, but arriving at Richmond I was discharged, but he went home and was gone about three years and returned to Virginia where the troops came back after his return I served under him, in recollecting which fact I am the more positive because I well recollect he giving me a furlough to go home when I was sick we being then but a short distance from our neighborhood, I was at the Siege of York, but I will not assert that he was because I have no distinct recollection of seeing him there, but I know it was said he was there as a Major, and I believe verily he was. After the war I knew him well, and it was always said that he had served throughout the War, and I believe he did, but as I do not know the facts, I will not swear particularly to it. After the long time which has passed since, I will not be positive to anything but what I well remember. I am now as I believe from 78 to 80 years of age, but as the book is lost in which my age was set down, I cannot be positive. Given under my hand this 20th day of December 1832

S/ Obadiah Griffin, X his mark

I hereby certify that William Mosby late of the County of Henrico, went into the Continental Army as first Lieutenant in January 1776, at which time I enlisted – that in January 1778 I claimed my discharge at which time William Mosby then Captain came to Virginia recruiting and I believe returned to the Army.

S/ John Royster

[attested November 6, 1810 and Henrico County]

I hereby certify that William Mosby was a Captain in the Revolutionary War, and was with me at the battle of Monmouth in June 1778 after that period the 1st Virginia Regiment (in which I was a Lieutenant) was consolidated with the 5th and 9th of regiments, consequently there was a number of supernumerary officers, whether Captain Moseby was in command afterwards I know not, more than he returned to Virginia, and was appointed a Major in the militia and joined the Southern Army.

² [Obadiah Griffin S8614](#)

Given under my hand this 6th day of November 1810
S/ William Price³

This is to certify that it appears from a list in this office of such officers and soldiers of the Virginia Continental line during the Revolutionary War as settled their accounts, and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly passed the November Session 1781, that a certificate issued on the 8th day of July 1783, in the name of William Mosby as a Captain of Infantry for £134.2 which certificate appears to have been delivered to himself.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond this 5th day of December 1832
S/ James E Heath, Auditor

The foregoing pay was settled for the first January 1777 to the 2nd June 1778.
S/ James E Heath

The representative of William Mosby is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Captain of the Continental line for 3 years service.

S/ Samuel Coleman

Council Chamber
27th November 1810
Jno. Tyler

Warrant No. 5885 for 4000 acres issued the 4th of December 1810 to Ann W. Chamberlayne only daughter and sole heir of William Mosby, deceased, and delivered to William B. Chamberlayne husband of the said Ann, the same day. See vouchers filed. A copy from the evidence on file in the Land Office of Virginia

Teste: S/ Wm Selden

City of Richmond, to wit

I do certify that I was well acquainted with Lieutenant William Mosby of the County of Henrico. He was my Ensign as a Captain in the minute men in the County of Henrico, he was in actual service with me at Hampton and Williamsburg in 1775. He was appointed a Lieutenant in the Continental service in the year 1776, under an Ordinance of the Assembly at their December Session of 1775 under which Ordinance the Committee of the County of Henrico elected him a Lieutenant under the command of Captain John Pleasants of Henrico County. The subalterns were Lieutenant William Mosby, Lieutenant William Eggleston, and my brother Daniel DuVal who was then a youth, was elected an Ensign in the said Company. The said Lieutenant William Mosby was an active, brave and valuable officer and continued in the service of the United States I verily believe, to the end of the Revolutionary War, and I verily believe that the said Lieutenant William Mosby never resigned.

S/ William DuVal⁴



[Attested in Richmond December 8, 1832]

³ This MAY be the same man as [William Price BLWt1440-200](#)

⁴ [William DuVal S8362](#)

I Hezekiah Henley⁵ of the County of Henrico and State of Virginia, certify that I am now in my 84th year, that I have always lived where I now do except from the year 1771 to the year 1779, that I have been a magistrate of this County between 40 & 50 years, that although aged, I still ride about my farm and neighborhood; and being asked what I remember of the late William Mosby of Henrico, as the father of Mrs. Chamberlayne, the wife of William B Chamberlayne and the only child of Major Mosby; I state that the said William Mosby entered into the military service of the United States at the beginning of the Revolutionary War as a subalterns (say a Lieutenant) that he marched to the North and was gone 3 years or more, that he returned home, and after remaining at home a short time, went to the South in service, where he remained until the Siege of York where I was in service, and he also, and as well as I remember as Major. After the close of the War, living as we did, in the same County, I knew him well to his death, he being and Inspector of Tobacco in Richmond. Being as I have stated though healthy, and so long a time past, I only swear to the best of my knowledge, recollection and belief. Given under my hand this 5th day of December 1832

S/ Hex: Henley

⁵ [Hezekiah Henley \(Henly\) R4885](#)